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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady. Light trading taking place for prompt deliveries, slow to moderate trading for deferred shipments. Some buyers keeping inventories as close as possible and not committing to product for out front usage. Parts and meats trading was generally slow. The market tone on fresh breast meat was mostly steady and white meat items were steady to firm and held with confidence.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a moderate volume of thigh meat, balance of items was slow. Demand was mixed with little interest to own product noted.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 23, 2004**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	MAR
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-64	61	61.00	720	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	4760	MAR-JUL
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-66	66	66.00	26	-	-	-	4100	APR-OCT
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-61	59	59.00	480	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	2360	MAR-MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	6355	APR-OCT

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 23 MARCH 2004.

The fresh tom breast meat market was mostly steady, balance of white meat steady to firm. Fresh tom breast meat demand was light to fair, balance of white meat inquiry fair to good. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were light to adequate, light at best on the balance of items. The frozen thigh meat market was mixed with strength noted for some export destinations while others note spot weakness. Demand slow to moderate. Offerings uneven and held with varied degrees of confidence. The trade sentiment on tom drums and tom 2-joint wings were barely steady to instances weak with some sellers looking for bids, tom necks steady to barely steady with lower trending offerings prices noted and tom full-cut wings were steady with less confidence being noted. Demand light to instances fair with some buyers becoming less aggressive. Offerings of tom drums and tom 2-joint wings adequate to instances burdensome, tom necks adequate to fully adequate and tom full-cut wings light to adequate. Trading was heavy on fresh MST for domestic shipments and fair on frozen thigh meat for export, balance light. For domestic: livers 20.50 delivered pet foods, fresh scapula 110, frozen destrapped tenderloins -12 months age 125 and tails 33-33.50 cents delivered. Livers traded at 21 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	92.00	1,440
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	150.00	129
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	81.99	920
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00		42.00	27
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		T	53.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	44.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	46.00-47.00		46.05	84
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	46.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	33.11	123
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	80.00		80.00	9
NECKS, TOM	58.00-60.00		59.03	39
NECKS, HEN		R	62.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	190.00		190.00	28
THIGH MEAT		R	90.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	90.00		90.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	108.00		108.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		T	97.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	165.00-179.00		171.40	100
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	186.48	135
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	102.00		102.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	32.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	33.00-36.00		34.20	800

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	49.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	33.00	446
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	32.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	89.00-92.00		90.92	472

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-69
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-77

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-130

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 24 MARCH 2004.

The market on fresh tom breast meat steady to fully steady mostly steady, balance of white meat steady to firm. Fresh tom breast meat demand light to fair, balance fair to good. White meat offerings were held with confidence with fresh tom breast meat the most available. The trade sentiment on 4-8 lb. breasts ranged from a seller sentiment of steady to fully steady and buyers steady to barely steady. Demand light to instances fair for the mixed availability. Trade sentiment on institutional breasts was steady to fully steady with offerings mostly held with confidence. Trading centered on a fair volume of frozen thigh meat for export, balance light. For domestic: hearts 22, layer packed tenderloins 168 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	150.00	129
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	81.99	920
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00		38.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	41.00-44.00		43.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	44.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	46.05	84
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	46.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	33.00-35.00		33.32	95
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	80.00	9
NECKS, TOM	59.00-62.00		60.50	80
NECKS, HEN		R	62.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	192.00-193.00		192.73	55
THIGH MEAT		R	90.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	90.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	102.00		102.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	170.00		170.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	188.00		188.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	102.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	32.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	36.00		36.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	49.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	34.00		34.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	87.00-90.00		88.90	328

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